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ADVOCATE OF PEACE AND ARBITRATION.

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- -Eighteen hundred ninety has been in striking and peaceful contrast with the warlike times of seventeen hundred ninety. The New Year dawns upon the world at peace, so far as the waging of actual war is concerned. But never was there a more unrestful, questioning, uneasy state of mind throughout the world than that on which the New Year's day dawns.
- -At Barcelona, Spain, a city of about 250,000, there suming the vitals of Europe." has been formed "The International League of Fraternity of the People;" and at Turin, Italy, a city rather larger than Barcelona, "The Italian League of Peace and International Arbitration" has been formed with J. M. Arnoudon as president.
- Henry M. Stanley's lecture at Toronto was Mr. John preached—even by its enemies. Livingstone, the brother of Dr. David Livingstone, with whose explorations in the Dark Continent Stanley's career will forever remain closely associated. Mr. John Livingstone will be 80 years of age in May next.
- -Do not let the length of "The Peace Movement in England and its Obstacles," by Wm. Clark, one of the rising literary men of London, keep you from its careful together.
- —We were sorry that limited space compelled us to omit any part of the sermon of Rev. S. Goodenough. It is all good and specially valuable as an utterance of the too often silent voice of the best people of the Pacific Coast.
- -The mother of Alfred H. Love who has long occupied the front rank of peace advocates, died Dec. 6, at Philadelphia, at the age of 86. A wide circle of friends will sympathize with Mr. Love in this bereavement.
- -We rejoice to hear that Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, who has been seriously ill of typhoid fever, at her home No. 5 West 51st St., New York City, is recovering.
- -Wm. F. Cody, called "Buffalo Bill," was born in Chester county, Pa., and comes of good old Quaker stock. Both his father and mother were Quakers. He ought to be a good envoy to secure peace with the Indians.
- —We have printed in full the criticism of Peace Societies, and the encomiums on those outside of them, by "Dorothy Lundt" in The Commonwealth, because we wish these objections which are among the most real and are certainly put in a striking way may be read and pondered, and answered.
- held their sessions has been consecrated as the sanctum for a Universal Peace Congress among other Congresses sanctorum, the holy of holies, in the city hall. Few to be held. English or American travellers pass through the city withdiction of peace—the future peace of the world.—Stevens. tions were, after discussion, unanimously adopted:

- -- "That a man who has written and given to the world so much coarse, debasing literature for boys as Mayor Peck of Milwaukee has done could be elected governor of a great Christian Commonwealth in these days, passes comprehension. But the man is vastly better than his successful constituency, else I should despair of the Commonwealth."
- So writes a disappointed man at the West. believe the "constituency" better than the "literature." " Peck's Bad Boy" is below criticism.
- -Mr. Gladstone wrote in reply to the invitation to attend the London Inter-Parliamentary Conference: "It is not without regret that I forego any occasion of protest against the devouring mischief of militarism which is con-
- -One hundred newspapers on the Continent of Europe reported the proceedings of the Inter-Parliamentary Peace Congress in London and commented thereon. Journals of all shades of politics, both in Great Britain and on the Continent, were largely sympathetic. Some were critical -One of the most striking figures on the platform at and a few antagonistic. Thus the gospel of peace gets
 - -Germany has increased her Peace Armament till it amounts to 516,000.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The December meeting of the Executive Committee perusal. America must know England if they are to act of the American Peace Society took place at Pilgrim Hall, December 8, at 2.30 P. M., President Tobey in the Rev. Daniel Richards was chosen Recording Secretary, pro tem. The Corresponding Secretary, in the absence of the Treasurer, reported that though the receipts had improved since the first of December, there was still such a deficiency of funds as embarrassed the Society's work. He also gave some account of his official labors in New England and at the West since the last meeting. The sermon of Dr. Reuen Thomas on Peace and War, which had been received with so much favor by large congregations in Boston, Brookline and Arlington, was highly commended. The hope was expressed that Dr. Thomas might be persuaded to speak in other communities and on other platforms.

The committee on the Columbian Exposition at Chicago were re-elected with one additional name. They are Messrs. Howard, Sheldon, Miner, Dunham and Smith. This committee communicated its consultations with the United States Commissioners. The classification and location of the Peace Exhibit was discussed. Application will be made for a place among educational and humanitarian societies. A communication from Chicago inquiring if the American Peace Society would be responsible for public religious services for one Sunday during the Exposition was responded to favorably. Application will be made to the Directors of the World's Congresses, -The small chamber in Geneva where the arbitrators auxiliary to the Exposition, for the assignment of a place

The finance committee reported a form and inscription out making reverent pilgrimage to it. Its walls bear sig- for a corporate seal. The committee was continued with nificant inscriptions; and thoughtful visitors feel that the instructions to report to the annual meeting for the legal very air of the quiet little hall is fraught with the bene- and final adoption of the seal. The two following resolu"Resolved, That we recognize in the pictures of the Russian painter, Verestchagin, now on exhibition in this city, a vivid presentation of the horrors of war, and, on account of the lessons they inevitably suggest, we would commend them to the attention of all persons among us, more especially the young."

Some of the speakers had visited the collection named several times. The success of Verestchagin in presenting simple reality, and in painting what he had himself seen of war was commented on. One speaker remarked that his impressions of the value of the moral teaching of these pictures continued to deepen as he reflected on what he saw. They show not the glory but the shame of war.

THE THREATENED INDIAN WAR.

The following resolution was adopted after a brief discussion:

"Resolved, That we deprecate the threatened outbreak of hostilities between the savage Indians and the United States Army, and urge that if possible, the difficulties be settled without outrage by the Indians or anything like an Indian war.

"To this end we invite the co-operation of other Peace organizations, and those societies which have for their object the promotion of justice towards the aborigines and to promote their civilization."

The unusual pacificatory course of the Government was favorably mentioned. Starvation and fanaticism caused in part by the injustice of Government agents and, in part, by the crafty policy of the Indians still in a savage condition, led by such chiefs as Sitting Bull, were mentioned as reasons for the present alarm. The Secretary is in correspondence with a frontier missionary who was born and has always lived among the Sioux. A lady missionary has had an interview with Sitting Bull and evidently impressed him with the dangers which threaten him, if he provokes a war. But the resources of negotiation and conciliation are not yet exhausted.

THE REAL BATTLE-FIELD.

Evil is the blind, unconscious instrument of progress in the world solely on condition of being combated, crushed and gradually eliminated from the world in the name of good; and such elimination does not impoverish, but elevate and enrich humanity. We are here on earth not to contemplate, but to transform created things; to extend, as far as in us lies, the "Kingdom of God" on earth—not to admire earth's contrasts. Egotism nearly always lurks beneath contemplation. Our world is not a spectacle; it is a field of battle, upon which all who in their hearts love justice, beauty and holiness are bound—whether as leaders or soldiers, conquerors or martyrs—to play their part.—Mazzini.

THANKSGIVING.

Lord, for the evil thought Not into evil wrought; Lord, for the wicked will Betrayed and baffled still; For the heart from itself kept Our Thanksgiving accept.

- W. D. Howells.

THE YEAR OF THE LORD.

W. C. GANNETT.

Praises to the Glorious One, All his year of wonder done: For his mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure. Praise him for the budding green, April's resurrection scene Praise him for the shining hours, Starring all the land with flowers. Praise him for the summer rain, Feeding, day and night, the grain. Praise him for the tiny seed, Holding all his world shall need! Praise him for his garden root, Meadow grass and orchard fruit. Praise for hills and valleys broad, Each a table of the Lord! Praise him now for snowy rest, Falling soft on Nature's breast. Praise for happy dreams of birth Brooding in the quiet earth! For his year of wonder done Praise to the All Glorious One: For his mercies shall endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

A CITY CHRISTIAN.

To run away from the tendencies of modern life,that is easy enough; to yield to its evil,—that is easier still. But to be in the world, yet not of it, moulding its material, yet not defiled by it, - that is the real problem of the modern world. And here lies the new type of Christian character. The saints of the past have been, for the most part, those who have fled from the world; but the Christian saint of to-day is the person who can use the world. Such a person may be all unconscious that he is doing anything heroic. He is simply the man in the business world who, amid looseness and dishonor, keeps himself true and clean; simply the woman who, amid luxury and affectation, keeps her simplicity and sympathy; simply the youth, who, without the least retreat from the influences which beset him in a city, makes them contribute to his growth of character. That is a harder thing than to be a hermit; and quite as noble as to be a saint. It is the sober, righteous and godly life lived in the midst of the present age.

WHY TWO NATIONS HATE.

It is twenty years since the invasion of France by the armies of Germany. On each side there is still bitter hatred and dread. We must use both words, because it is impossible to say where the one leaves off and the other begins. Why should it be so? Twenty years after Waterloo the hatred between France and England had largely died away; twenty years after Sedan the hatred between France and Germany is still the chief peril of Europe. It not because of a man; for, as Waterloo ruined the first Napoleon, Sedan ruined the third. It is because of a policy. In the hour of triumph the soldiers of Germany were stronger than her statesmen, and it was they who insisted upon the surrender of Alsace-Lorraine. That was the fatal blunder that has prolonged the war after the treaties were concluded.